

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Cambodia -
South Vietnam

a. Details on the latest border fracas are far from clear.

b. The Cambodian version holds that there were actually two border crossings by South Vietnamese forces, one Thursday and the other Friday morning.

c. In the first, seven Cambodians were killed. One alleged eyewitness told the US army attaché that there were "white men" in the vehicles on this occasion. It was in the second incident that the South Vietnamese personnel carrier was destroyed. No "white men" were reported this time.

d. Sihanouk, in a speech yesterday, charged that Americans were involved.

e. For its part, Saigon says that one M-113, in hot pursuit of a Viet Cong force, crossed into Cambodia. It was destroyed by Cambodian Army fire about 700 yards inside the border.

f. Ambassador Lodge suspects that the Viet Cong lured the South Vietnamese across the border. He is advising the Khanh government to lodge a strong protest if this proves to be the case.

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g. A South Vietnamese statement released today expresses regrets but goes on to say that Saigon hopes the Cambodians have taken measures against the Viet Cong's using Cambodia as an escape hatch.

2. South Vietnam

a. A number of leading Khanh subordinates continue to growl about the way the general is running things.

b. One of them, a corps commander in the northern part of the country, fears that South Vietnam is becoming "another Laos" with various political groups unable or unwilling to pull together even though the military situation is deteriorating.

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d. To add to Khanh's political woes, the Catholics will doubtless regard the execution today of Diem's younger brother, Can, as a reprisal by the Buddhists.

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Buddhist leaders are not happy and may provoke demonstrations.

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3. Laos

a. Souvanna yesterday announced his intention of proposing that the King replace the two neutralist ministers who have been in Phnom Penh for months refusing to come back to Vientiane because it is unsafe. The King will probably agree..

b. Souvanna's announcement said that the pair, as well as the "lamented" Quinim, would be replaced with members of his neutralist faction.

c. The coup group will not like this since it had been urging that rightists get these posts. Neither will the Pathet Lao since they oppose any change in the makeup of the Souvanna cabinet that does not have their prior agreement.

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4. Panama

a. Panama is quiet this morning as the country prepares for the presidential vote tomorrow.

b. Violence is still in prospect but is not expected until voting trends become apparent tomorrow or Monday. Major disorders could develop if one or the other contender comes to believe that the vote count has been manipulated to their disadvantage.

c. Both the government and Arias forces have sufficient men, weapons and ammunition to take their case into the streets if the result is not to their liking.

5. Sino-Soviet
Dispute

a. The Chinese yesterday sent Moscow another letter, making it clear that they have no intention of entering into talks with the Soviets or any combination of parties in the near future.

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b. Evidently gaining confidence as they go, the Chinese now say that there can be no bilateral talks before next May, if then.

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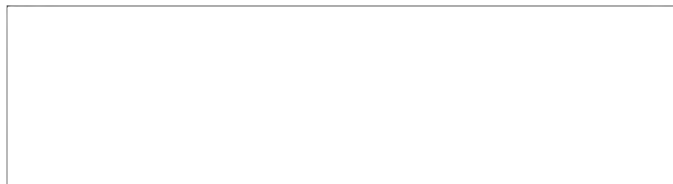
c. The letter also makes it clear that Peiping does not want a formal split, preferring to carry on the fight within the existing movement.



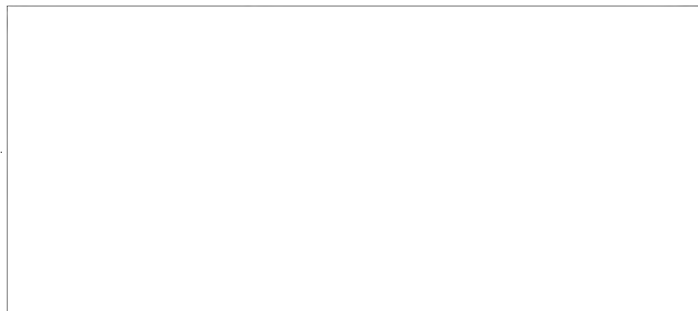
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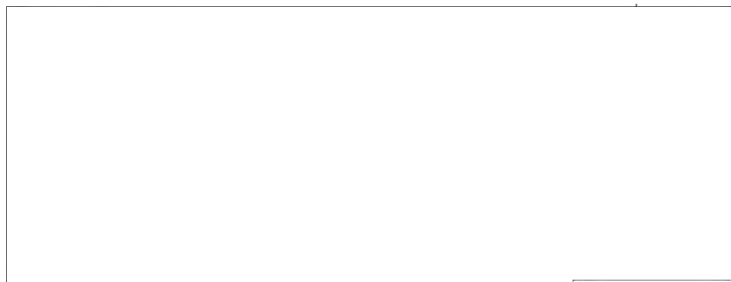
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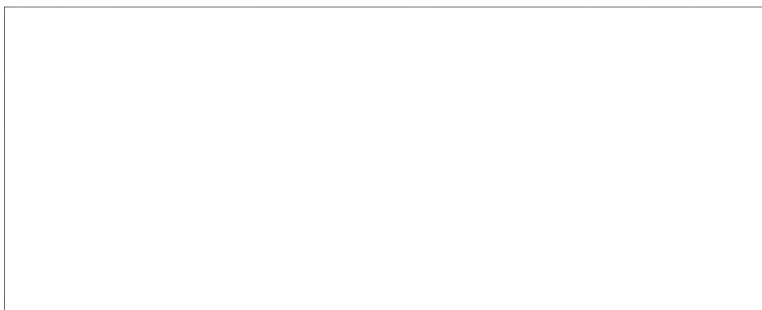
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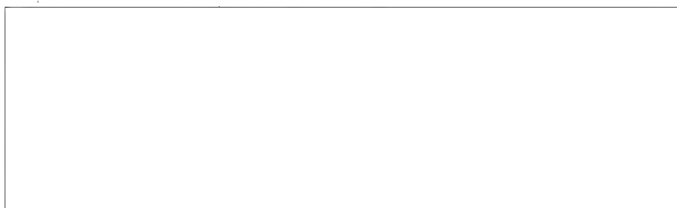
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Malaysia**

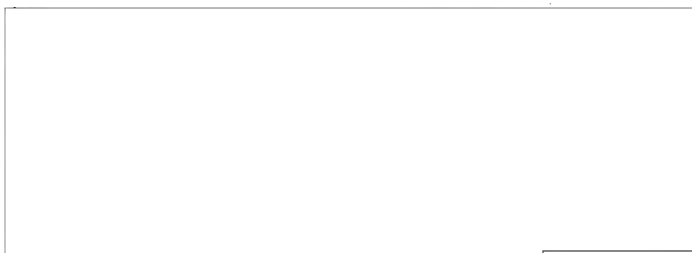
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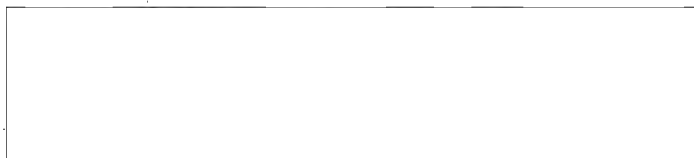
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8. Zanzibar

a. Nyerere is letting tempers cool a bit longer after Monday's cabinet disagreements, during the course of which, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Nyerere hinted at the use of force to bring recalcitrant Zanzibaris into line while the latter defied him to try.

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b. While Nyerere dallies, all ministries of the supposedly defunct government of Zanzibar are operating as usual, apparently with Karume's full blessing.

c. For example, information bulletins bearing the seal of the old government are still being put out and are taking an anti-US line.

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d. The East Germans, meanwhile, are stepping up their efforts to dig themselves an even deeper foothold on Zanzibar.

[REDACTED] a team of 15 East Germans is conducting a door-to-door campaign, picturing in grandiose terms what East German assistance means to each inhabitant.

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A. Cyprus

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B. UAR-USSR

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